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Extract taken from File No. 3(120)EC/60 of Ministry of Finance regarding The Netaji Research Bureau.

S.No. 8(R)

Letter No. EC CP 937/91-64.
dt. 19.11.64 from the RBI

In this connection Notes at pages 5-8 and S. Nos 6-7 may kindly be seen.

Netaji Research Bureau, Calcutta has again applied to the Reserve Bank of India for issue of a permit authorising them to remit foreign exchange equivalent to Rs. 5,000/- per annum valid for remittances to U.S.A. Europe and all Asian countries (in addition to Japan covered under our sanction) as more and more materials relating to Netaji Bose are being traced in these countries. They have requested permission for an immediate remittance of Rs. 5,000/- to Japan to obtain a documentary film on Netaji Bose for their archives. We may request the Ministry of E.A to let us have their comments in the matter at an early date.

Sd/- 25/11

Sd/- 25/11

US(AC)

Sd/- T.J.Ramakrishnan
2/12

M/E.A.- R

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(CHINA DIVISION)

Reference preceding note dated 2.12.64 of the Ministry of Finance.

- 14888-clm
8/12/64
2. As will be seen from US(C)II's note dated the 26th March 1964 at p. 6/N ante, foreign exchange of Rs. 1,000/- was released to Netaji Research Bureau at Calcutta in 1960 and an equal amount was released in 1961 subject to the condition that no further remittances would be allowed. In 1964, the Bureau again came up with a request for Rs. 2000/- . Since the request was in connection with expenses on collection of research material on Netaji from Japan, we recommended the release of foreign exchange to the extent of Rs. 1000/- only in the first instance.
 3. In his note dated 30.3.64, JS(E) made a suggestion to the Ministry of Finance that since there was possibility of the Bureau approaching the Government with such peaceful requests again and again, it should be requested to send more particulars of their programme with an estimate of their minimum requirements for the future.
 4. The Bureau's present request is for permit authorising remittance of foreign exchange of Rs. 5,000/- per annum to USA, Europe and all Asian countries, including Japan and for permission for an immediate remittance of Rs. 5000/- to Japan to obtain a documentary film on Netaji Bose for their archives.
 5. Keeping in view the purpose for which this exchange is required we may perhaps not mind the release of exchange of Rs. 5000/- that the Bureau requires for the film immediately but for sanctioning the recurring expenditure it would be necessary to

examine the details of the Bureau's programme for the future as indicated in JS(E)'s note referred to above.

6. Submitted for orders.

Sd/- 9.12.64

~~JS(E)/II~~ Sd/- B.P. Agarwal
~~JS(E)~~

In keeping with our past decisions we may agree to the release of foreign exchange of Rs. 5000/- but for recurring expenditure, as pointed out above, details of the Bureau's programme would be required. Even about the documentary film no details have been given.

Sd/- P.K. Guha

~~JS(E)/II~~ Itd. B.P. Agarwal

Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of Economic Affairs)
M.E.A. u.o. No. 14866-C/64 dt. 28.12.64/NR

D. 5682-C/65 - (1) : PR

'On file'

Sd - B. P. Agarwal
6/4

Submitted.

Sp

11/4

~~JS(E)/II~~

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S.P.
Kuo
12/4

Spoken.

2. Netaji Research Bureau, Calcutta has requested us to let them have for purposes of record, study and research and preservation in their archives, all the evidence and material collected by the Netaji Enquiry Committee instituted

by the Gov. of India in 1956 to investigate the question of alleged death of Netaji Subhash Bose in Taipei in an air crash in 1945.

3. It may be pointed out that the material in question is classified as "Secret". As such, it would appear unthinkable to place it at the disposal of a private body like the Netaji Research Bureau.

4. Inquired.

15/4/65
W.C. [unclear]
D.S. (C)

P. Aggarwal
15/4

Will D.H.D. kindly see & confirm that the material is classified as "secret." Even if it is no, it is still possible that there are some records pertaining to the investigation which are not classified. We should be grateful to know if there was any such material which could be passed on the Netaji Research Bureau.

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204-DDHDI/65
29/4

DHP

When is this material? Home Ministry may be consulted.

f. Gopal

M.H.
24/4

By [unclear]

P. Aggarwal
1.5.65

(2): Issue

D.S. (C)

Is the material in China Div. by any chance?

S.R. [unclear]
[unclear]

W.C. [unclear]
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P. Aggarwal

M.H.
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From order.

The Netaji Enquiry Committee was set up by and under the Ministry of External Affairs. Relevant files on the subject have already been sent to Director (Historical Division) vide S.No (2) for Sanctioning etc.

SP
5/5/65

B. Aganwal
5/5/65

US(c) II

DS(c) ✓

The said file have been received back from the Historical Division and are placed below.

SP
5/5/65

DS(c) ✓

The file placed below may please be forwarded to MHA for comments

B. Aganwal
10/5

M. H. A (Political) ✓

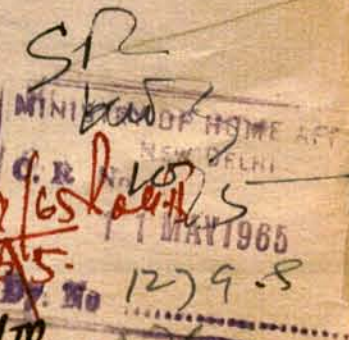
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sent to S. 65/R [Files enclosed - ① 4551/1/32/64/JP

② F. 24(17)-FEA/56, ③ F. 24(13)-FEA/56,

④ F. 24(24)-FEA/56, ⑤ F. 30(26)-FEA/55]

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Ref: S.No.1 and notes in the E. A. Ministry from the middle of page 2 ante.

The Netaji Research Bureau has asked for material recorded and collected by the Netaji Enquiry Committee relating to Netaji's death in an air crash in Taipeh. The Ministry of External Affairs who set up the Netaji Enquiry Committee, have placed below four of their relevant files and have asked our comments as to whether ~~copy of these files~~ may be supplied to the Netaji Research Bureau for preservation in the Archives of that Bureau.

2. Three of the files are marked 'secret'. These files belong to recent past (1955 and 1956). The subject is controversial. According to our policy governing access to records for research purposes, the post-1945 records ~~xxxx~~ are not made available for mere consultation even in the case of research sponsored by some of the State Governments on the ground that they might contain controversial material. The Netaji Research Bureau itself approached us for permission to consult our relevant records relating to the period upto 1947. Permission to consult the post-1945 files has not been given. Even in regard to files of the period 1934-45, the Bureau is required to first submit a list of files ~~xxxxxxx~~ to enable us to decide which of the files from the list can be made available for actual consultation. The excerpts will be subject to our scrutiny before release. In the circumstances it may not be ~~xxx~~ advisable to supply copies of the four files placed below to the Netaji Research Bureau. Since, however, the enquiry was instituted by the E. A. Ministry and since the files belong to that Ministry, the final decision in the matter can best be taken by them. They may like to consult the Defence Ministry also in regard to the matter.

* where necessary in consultation with Defence Ministry

we may inform the E.A.
Ministry that we are not in favour
of these records being shown or
copies ^{status} ~~being~~ given to the
Netaji Research Bureau.

G. S. P.
18.5.65

JS(P)

19/5

Ministry of External Affairs (Shri B. P. Agarwal, U.S)

M.H.A.U.O. No. 3999/65 - Poll II dt. 21-5-65

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Part II

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From overleaf.

Discussed with USC(I) II. No action unless we receive a reminder when we may regret our inability to show these records to our Netaji Research Bureau. So, may be. see for info.

24/5/65

S.O (C)

24/5

S. No. (3): Receipt

Director (China) may kindly see the preceding notes from page 2 onwards. It will be observed that the Ministry of Home Affairs were consulted and their views are at page 5. They are not in favour of ^{equivalent of} these records being given to the Netaji Research Bureau. They themselves ^{have} turned down a similar request from that organization ~~in 1957~~. I have drafted a reply for the use of Foreign Minister which is placed below. In this draft, I have deliberately avoided using the word 'controversy', although the possibility of controversy is the main reason why access is not allowed to post-1945 records. The Netaji Research Bureau must have made their request knowing fully well that the records in which they are interested are highly controversial. To advance that ground therefore in rejecting their request would appear somewhat tautological.

S.P. 3/9

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2760-DSC/65

4912-Disc/65

5/05 Disc/65
210-USC/65

Mph

(P.K. GUHA)
Deputy Secretary (C)
26.8.65

Director (China)

Draft for approval.
Draft approved by Naney - 28/8/65
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Serial No. (4) : Issue

D.13651-C/65(5) : FR

5.10.65 - Issue

Sd. D. Singh

14/9

JS(E)

Dir(C) 'Put up with previous papers.'

Sd. K.R. Narayanana

15/9

DS(C) Itd. P.K.G.

16/9

US(C)I

'Pl. put up immediately pl.'

Itd. B.P.

17/9

Submitted on file.

It may be mentioned that last year we gave our clearance from the political angle to release of an amount of Rs.5,000/- in foreign exchange to be spent in Japan by the Netaji Research Bureau for collection of research material on Netaji. Copies of the relevant notes from the Ministry of Finance file on the subject were kept on this file and may kindly be seen at pp.1-2/N ante.

As regards Shri Amiya Nath Bose's visit to Germany in 1961 for collecting material in Germany, to which reference has been made in para 3 of the FR, the relevant papers should be in the Europe Division. That Division may kindly see and add their file to these papers, for reference and return.

18.9.65.

13.9.65
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USCI

Dir.(Europe) ✓

Western Division

We have consulted our file registers but the papers referred to in the F.R. relating to Shri Amiya Nath Bose's visit to Germany in 1961 could not be traced. Incidentally our file no 7(36)Encl(2) below shows that Shri A.C. Bose of the University of Bihar got some material from a scholar in Germany and has consulted records in the National Archives for a thesis on India's fight for freedom abroad.

18786-DS(W)/65
5804-DS(SW)/65

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Mr. Ch. 25/9

V. Chaudhary M.

1905-45". There was some
correspondence between Mr. A.C. Bose
& Dr. Emil Stepperich, President
of the East Asia Society of
Hamburg-Munich ^{a copy of} which was passed
on to the National Archives of India.
This is being mentioned to highlight
the need for coordinating
with the National Archives of
India whatever information
the Natsaji Research Bureau
may be able to procure
from abroad on the subject.
Also, we may perhaps in
the first instance check up
with the National Archives
of India, before foreign
exchange is sanctioned for
a visit to a particular
country by a ~~representative~~
representative of the Bureau
for collection of material

~~24/9/65.~~) In perhaps E.I. Brown
could help us in
this matter.
29.9.

D.S.(w)
Dir (e)

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Spoken to US (C)
No action to
be taken
for in present
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Recd. on
6.10.65.
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Received at PM
5.15
on 6.10.

Europe (West) Section may please remove their
file No. 7(36) - Eur (W)/60, and return our file to us.

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SNO(11)

Receipt

Please put up a file.

sdf- B. P. Agarwal

26/x

It is for consideration whether
Submitted phrase. We may inform Dr.
Bose about the language difficulty.

ml
28/x

US (CE)

SN(12)

Rempt

Ref: Notes on prepage.

I have discussed with Deputy Minister who has asked me to write to Dr. Bose saying that he should await a definite reply from our Embassy in J-apan before going to Tokyo. The letter placed below may be issued.

Naray
(K.R. Narayanan)
Director (China)
30.10.1965.

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657-USC/65

US(CI).

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SN(14) — Issue

D-15901-C/65

SN(15)

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SN(16) — Issue

D-15899-C/65

SN(17)

Rempt

D-15900-C/65

SN(18)

Rempt

D-15898-C/65

SN(19)

Rempt

I have consulted D.M. who agrees that as Dr. Bose is already going to Japan for a Conference and as he has obtained assurance of cooperation from Japanese authorities, we should clear him for his visit to Tokyo. We have since also received a telegram from our Embassy informing us that Japanese Government has promised to give facilities to Dr. Bose.

N,
(K.R. Narayanan)
Director (China)
3.11.1965.

US(CI)

SN(20) — Issue

SN(21) — Issue

SN(22) — Issue

D-16173-C/65

SN(23)

Rempt

D-16341-C/65

SN(24)

Rempt

Dugh

Submitted please.

11/11/65

Din (E A may like to

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he Dr. No. Bose before-
to Dr. Bose left -
given He has already
letter mins. He has already left -
PBM 28/11

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844-USC/65
28/11
Din (E A)

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D-17605-C/65 ... Sc(25)

Rempt

Did Mr. Bose get the 'P' form. Please find out.

Sd/- K. R. Narayanan
20/11

USC(1)

Yes, he was given 'P' form.

Sd/- B. P. Agarwal
22/11

Dir(EA)

Sd/- K. R. Narayanan
8/12

DS(EA) may ^{kindly} ~~be~~ see these papers for information

M.
9/12

DS(EA)

There is a reference Amb. Torg's letter - one
abstract may be placed in the file

H. D. Datta

10/12

DS(EA)'s instruction has been noted for
compliance. The Ambassador's letter is with
DS(EA).

M.
10/12/65

D-15-EAD/66

Sc(26)

Rempt

Filed as directed by DS(EA) in his
orders above.

M.
13/1

Dy.No.4227/EAD/66 (27) F.R.

Please examine.

Sd/- Swaran Singh
24.3.1966.

Please discuss with papers immediately.

Sd/- K.R. Narayanan
25.3.1966.

Submitted on file. The references quoted in the F.R. may please be seen at flags 'A' and 'B' and 'C'

1684-DSCEA/166
1903-DEA/66

SNo.s 123 & 4

Sd/-
24.3.66.

M. Maganm

USCEA
DSCEA

I am placing here a copy of the Report also, as
desired by Director.

DS (EA)

Shankar
4/4/66

USCEA

Strictly from the point of view of rules we do not give access to the public to documents of recent origin like the papers and evidence connected with the Netaji Inquiry Committee. However, in view of the persistent demand being made by the Netaji Research Bureau I tried to go through some of the old files and find out if there are reasons other than technical for refusing to make public these documents. At one time of course the matter was of considerable political importance because the friends and relatives of Netaji were making use of rumours of Netaji being alive for political purposes. The papers concerning this are so voluminous that I have not been able to go through all of them, especially the evidence given by various people to the Inquiry Committee. The main report of the Inquiry Committee was placed in Parliament on 11th September 1956. The report of dissent by Shri Suresh Chandra Bose, elder brother of Netaji was placed in Parliament on 12th December 1956. However, it was decided not to make public the evidence itself. The late Prime Minister Nehru told in Parliament at the time of placing on the table of the House the dissentious report by Shri Suresh Chandra Bose that it was not "worthwhile" publishing the evidence. He, however, said that he had no objection to place the evidence before the Inquiry Committee on the table of the House, but that it was rather difficult because it would be a bad precedent. "If any Hon. Members care to see it, they can come to the Ministry of External Affairs' office and see it; I will show it to them."

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Part of the evidence was taken by the Inquiry Committee in Japan and some Japanese officials also gave the evidence. Further there are matters of defence and security interest in the evidence given. Therefore, one cannot decide whether it would be all right to give access to Dr. Sisir K. Bose to these documents without carefully examining them from the point of view of public interest as well as any embarrassment which might be caused to the Japanese Foreign Office. We are going through these documents but it would take some time before we can express an opinion as the papers are really voluminous.

In view of the very strong views held by friends and relatives of Netaji that he is still alive and the fact that one of the members of the Inquiry Committee had dissented from the majority view that Netaji died in an air crash, it might be that if Dr. Bose is given access to this evidence, he would use it to dispute the majority findings of the Netaji Inquiry Committee. If, therefore, the view is taken that it is better to avoid such a controversy at present, it seems to me that the best course for the present might be not to give access to these documents to scholars until after a few more years have lapsed. But Dr. Sisir K. Bose would not be satisfied by such a reply. Since the late Prime Minister Nehru was agreeable to individual members of Parliament coming and reading these documents, it is for decision whether this point would be stretched to include a members of the Netaji Research Bureau and allow Dr. Bose to come and see these documents in this Ministry.

Narayan
(K.R. Narayanan)
Director (East Asia)
27/4/66

Did any member of Parliament actually come forward for reading these records?

Swaran Singh

~~Dir (EA)~~ (on leave)
we have scrutinised the files again on 13/5
D.S. (EA) Chis. It is confirmed that no M.P.

approached this Ministry for reading the records.

A. Dandya

16/5

A draft reply on the above lines pl.

Singh 16/5

ENT

Dir (EA)

1903-SEA/66

yes: after
the meeting
of the
16/5/66
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16/5/66

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2397-DSBA/66

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16/5

A draft reply to Sri S. K. Bose is submitted.

Adams
18/5/66

4077/F8/66

~~F.S.~~
~~F.M.~~

W.D. 18/5/66

1184/FM/66

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May issue *

Issued

Singh

HRC
17/5/66

DS (EA) 1

S.no (28) - Issue

19/5

I have by now gone through most of the files on the Bose Enquiry Committee in the Division. I have not seen any paper which would be embarrassing to us or to Japan. It is necessary to be doubly careful in these cases. I shall, therefore, be grateful if someone in the Section goes through the files once again and let me know whether there is any paper which could possibly be embarrassing.

2. We should make a list of all these papers eliminating duplicates, so that we are ready to show them to the representative of the Netaji Bureau, when he comes to us.

Adams

(A.K. Damodaran)
21.5.66

SO (EA)

D 8319-EAD/66 SNo 29 (Receipt)

Dugh
(Pl. study carefully and let me know)
23/5

Du (EA) has seen the F.R.

U.S (EA) / D.S (EA) may also like to see for information

for Balani.

EAD

U.S (EA)
D.S (EA)

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19/6

Dugh

Reference DS(EA)'s orders on page 13 ante.

Five copies of a list of files and other relevant papers on Netaji Enquiry Committee which also contains some files(to date) on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, are placed below. However, our files on Parliament Questions on Netaji have not been included in this list. These papers have been kept separately.

We have gone through all the files and papers ^{known of these} which could be embarrassing. In this connection attention is invited to the papers flagged in files No.24(20)/FEA/56 and No.24/37/EA/57 viz. Dissent Report of Shri Suresh Chandra Bose and papers submitted by (i) Shri Debnath Das, Ex-General Secretary of Indian Independence League in East Asia and (ii) Shri Rama Krishna of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, which contain critical remarks against the Japanese, Britishers and Americans.

24/6

US(EA)
DS(EA)

Reference note above. So far as the Dissent Report of Shri Suresh Chandra Bose and papers submitted by Shri Debnath Das, Ex-General Secretary of Indian Independence League in East Asia, are concerned, it is possible to believe that the Netaji Research Bureau already knows all about them and, it is possible, has copies of them. Shri Debnath Das's paper was submitted at a Press Conference on 18th June, 1954. Chapters of Book by Shri Rama Krishna of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, at Flag 'Z', no doubt paint the Japanese in a very unfavourable colour. It is not known, in the file, whether the Book was actually published. If it was, the Netaji Research Bureau might already have it. We may, however, avoid showing this to them.

D.S. may kindly see.

B.P. Agarwal
(B.P. AGARWAL)
U.S. (EA)
25-6-66

3173-DSE A166
3128-DSH/66

DS(EA)

DS(EA) may also see.

27/6/66

Shri Suresh Chandra Bose is, I think, associated with the Netaji Research Bureau - No point in withholding this

document- to Dr. Srin Kumar Bose.
 Sri Debnath's paper was made public at
 a press conference. So no point in withholding
 this either. But the paper by Sri Ram
 Krishna, which ~~is~~ paints the Tugan
 black, should be withheld. I don't
 know if the paper has been published
 by Dr. Srin K. Bose would
 not mind looking into our paper for this.
 In any case it would not be good if the
 Tugan comes to know that we opened up
 this document. It never is proper, and
 can be harmful to Indo-Tugan relations if
 Dr. Bose comes to know this document
 as being being found among South
 paper.

DS(EM)

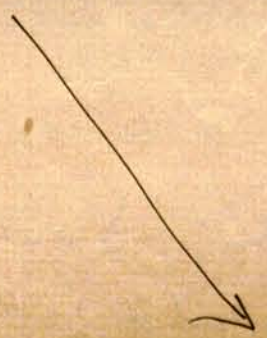
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 B. R. Aggarwal
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 1379-USEA/66

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Ministry of Home Affairs
(Political II Section)

The 3rd and 4th batches of excerpts submitted by Shri A.N. Bose have also been scrutinised carefully. The general observations made on the first two batches of excerpts examined on file No.50/7/63-Poll.II, which was submitted some time back, are applicable to these batches as well. The 3rd batch contains, it seems, a copy in toto of notes and correspondence in file No.94/26/41-Poll(I) and the 4th batch contains a copy of the proceedings in file No. Home Political No.135, 1941. Permission to consult these two files was granted in our notes to the National Archives appearing at serial No.27 of the main file.

2. The excerpts from the notes portion of the file in the 3rd batch are on the detention in 1941 of Shri Sarat Chander Bose in Madras under the Defence of India Rules for his contacts with the Japanese, grant of various facilities to him in jail and allowance to his family in Calcutta, his transfer to Coorg and arrangements for interviews of outsiders with him. The correspondence portion embodies copy of orders of detention of Shri S.C. Bose, proceedings of Bengal Assembly urging Central Govt. for his release, arrangements for a cook, orders of transfer of the detenu from one jail to the other, details of income and expenditure of Shri Bose and arrangements for providing a companion for him in Jail.

The excerpts in the forth batch relate to the disappearance of Subhash Chander Bose, efforts made to ~~locate~~ locate him and reports about a broadcast by him from Germany.

3. Most of the proceedings on these files are classified but there seem no harm in releasing these excerpts to the scholar as the political hierarchy has radically changed since the views expressed on these files were held and processed by the Government. Classified markings appear on the following pages of the excerpts:-

3rd Batch:

Confidential markings: pp-99,102, 106,107,110, 119, 123, 134, 135, 136, 137, 149, 152, 159, 211, 213, 214, 215, 219, 223 240, 264, 272, 283, 285, 290, 291, 293, 298, 299 and 300.

Secret markings: pp-5, 10, 13, 26, 43, 61, 70, 96, 97, 100, 109, 111, 139, 146, 150, 167, 170, 202, 209, 210, 220, 244, 247, 249, 252, 264, 268, 274, 275, 295, 297 and 302.

TOP SECRET, STRICTLY SECRET and NGO marking: pp-71, 72 73, 144 and 172.

4th Batch

Secret markings: pp- 1, 3, 5, 14 and 25.

A copy of an intercepted letter from Shri Mukandalal Sircar to Shri H.V. Kamath may please be seen at pages 26 to 28 of the 3rd batch. The contents of the letter are not controversial and may be released.

4. The names of junior officers who noted on the files appear on pages 8 and 239 of the 3rd batch and pp-5,9 and 12 of the 4th batch, have been placed in round brackets marked with red chalk and may be excised before these batches are released to the scholar. The rest of the excerpts it is felt can safely be released.

Submitted.

Sd/-

25/2/66

JS(P)

Please see notes from prepage. The excerpts are from files which were shown to Shri Amiya Bose as a special case under orders of H.M. The files had been scrutinised by (DS(Poll)) before they were shown to him.

The excerpts taken have been gone through carefully and may be released as suggested the office note above subject to order on the following points:-

(1) on p.4 (portion side lined)- The late Pt. Nehru has been stated to be belonging to pro-Russian elements.

(2) Details of the intercepted letter on p.27 (shown in brackets) should not be released

'A'

Sd/- G.S. Kapoor

3.3.66.

JS(P)

Please speak.

Sd/-

4/3/66.

Spoken, As proposed. 'A' not to be released.

Sd/-

18/3

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We may return the two batches of excerpts to the N.A.I. DFA.

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19.3.66

Sd/- G.S. Kapoor

21.3.66.

S.No.2 (issue)

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Serial No.3³² (Receipt) F.R.

With the F.R. the National Archives of India has sent a batch of 41 pages of excerpts taken from file No.1-6/43-Poll(I) belonging to the Home Political Deptt. for the year 1943 and submitted for scrutiny by Shri A.N. Bose. Though normally scholars are not permitted to consult records less than 30 years old and retain extracts therefrom, Shri A.N. Bose was granted

special permission under orders of H.M. to consult records of shorter period. Permission to consult file No. 1-6/43-Poll(I) was granted vide our U.O. note No. F.50/7/63-Poll(II) dated the 7th January, 1966 addressed to the National Archives of India. (This note is on the main file No. 50/7/63-Poll(II) which is at present with the Ministry of Defence.)

2. The excerpts contain only reports submitted by Monitoring Service for 19th, 20th and 21st June, 1943. The monitoring pertains to radio broadcasts put on the air on these dates from Tokyo, Manila, Hanoi, Saigon, Batavia, Berlin, Rome, Djakarta, Shonan and Devao. These broadcasts relate to Subhash Chander Boses' arrival in Japan, his discussions with war-time Premier of Japan-Marshall Tojo, promise by Tojo of complete independence for India and active assistance for achieving it, jubilitations expressed by members of Indian Independence League in South East Asian countries over Subhash's arrival in Japan, account of Subhash Chander Bose's interview in Japan with the press expressing confidence in the ultimate victory of Tripartite Powers and defeat of Anglo-American bloc, comments of the press in Japan on Bose's arrival in that country, publication of accounts of Bose's life, telegram of greetings sent to Bose by Reich Foreign Minister on former's arrival in Japan and wishing him success in his mission, Premier Tojo's statement in the Diet on 16th June, 1943 expressing Japan's willingness to offer assistance to India, Bose's second statement to pressmen expressing the hope that Indians would take up arms against the British regime as ~~xx~~ civil disobedience alone would not be enough to unsaddle the British imperialists and the speech made on Radio Tokyo by Subhash Chander Bose by S.C. Bose on 21st June, 1943 to his country. In his broadcast Shri Bose belittled the Anglo-American achievements in war, asserted that there should be no compromise between the Indians and the Britishers as otherwise the latter will continue to bluff the former on one pretext or another. The Indians must pay the price of liberty with their blood. He exhorted his countrymen to fight British domination inside and outside India. The various reports were broadcast in English, Japanese, Hindustani, Chinese and other languages and there is, therefore, at certain places (e.g. on pages 22, 29 and 30; 19 and 28) repetition in substance of messages put on the air. There is nothing objectionable in the 41 pages or excerpts and these may be released to the scholar. (Classified markings appear on pages 1 and 34 of the excerpts.

It'd.
4.7.66

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We may release the excerpts in full.

Sd/- G.S. Kapoor
5.7.66.

JS(P)

Consult M.E.A. also.

M.E.A. (China Division)
(Shri K.R. Narayanan, Dir.)

Sd/- Asoka Sen
Joint Secretary 6/7/66.

M.H.A.U.O.NO.D-4752/66-PollII dated 8.7.66.

.....4/-

We agree with the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Sd/- K.R. Narayanan
Director(EA)
11/7/66.

DS(EA)

Sd/- A.K. Damodaran
11/7/66.

3375-DEA/66

3499-DSEA/66

9689/EAD/66.

M.H.A. (Original sent)

Reference Sir (EA)'s orders on page 15 ante
It is for consideration whether the papers at
slip '2' should be removed now or on receipt
of a communication about the arrival of Dr. Bose.

21/7 US(EA) on receipt of the communication.
about the arrival of Dr. Bose: The ruling
on this would also have to be removed.
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S.No. (34)

Receipt

Please put up with papers. Taking notes can be
permitted, but how can we give secretarial assistance?

DS(EA)

Sd/- K.R. Narayan
11/7

US(EA)

Sd/- A.K. Damodaran

Papers please.

Sd/- B.P. Agarwal
12/7

Submitted please.

15/7

Notes from page 11 may please be
seen.

5694-DEA/66

US(EA)

DS(EA)

DS(EA)

We should tell the Bureau that secretarial assistance
would be not be possible. The representative can
bring his own secretary.

5664/DS EA
5937

A Damodaran

DS(EA) DS(EA)

Action as directed
K. S. 28/11/66

24/7

The Netaji Research Bureau seems to be only too eager to take offence without any adequate reason. They have replied to the Foreign Minister's letter offering all co-operation in the study of the papers in the Ministry after a delay of four months and then seem to be anxious to find out further reasons for complaint rather than carrying out their original purpose. It would be irregular for us to give any Secretarial assistance to a non-official organisation. However, we shall try our best to give the representative all co-operation including even some typing assistance when actually required.

2. A draft reply from FM to Dr. Bose is placed below.

Damodaran

I am not sure if F.M. himself (A. K. Damodaran).
 should continue to correspond with Shri Bose. If agreed,
 we can issue the draft in
 Name of Mr. [unclear] behalf of F.M.

Dir. ~~EA~~

PS to F.M. for review. 10/11
W. S. (EA)
 10.11.66

EA

Suitable reply may
 be sent by office.

E.S.
 Dir (EA)

Dr. K. Damodaran
 m.b.

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Damodaran

16/11/66

R. R. Gammal
 17/11

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2278/FM/66
 12/11

* Letter issued
 to be placed below.

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W S (EA)

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6613

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6613

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH APRIL, 1969

INDIANS COMING FROM ABROAD

QUESTION

No. 6613 SHRI JAGESHWAR YADAV:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indians living in foreign
countries for generations are being compelled to return
to India;

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RESERVE BANK OF INDIA
CENTRAL OFFICE

EXCHANGE CONTROL DEPARTMENT
BOMBAY

No. D.O. EC.CP.937/91-64

19th November 1964

My dear Ramakrishnan,

Please refer to your D.O. letter No. F.3(120)-EC/60 dated 18th April 1964 addressed to Kasbekar regarding the release of foreign exchange to the extent of Rs. 1,000/- during 1964 in favour of Netaji Research Bureau, Calcutta for remittance to Japan for meeting expenses in connection with the collection of research materials relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The Bureau has again applied to us for issue of a permit authorising them to remit foreign exchange equivalent to Rs. 5,000/- per annum valid for remittances to U.S.A., Europe and all Asian countries (in addition to Japan covered by Government's last sanction) as more and more materials relating to Netaji Bose are being traced in these countries. They have requested permission for an immediate remittance of Rs. 5000/- to Japan to obtain a documentary film on Netaji Bose for their archives. We forward herewith copy of a letter dated 16th July 1964 received by us from the Bureau and shall be glad to have Government's instructions in the matter at an early date.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- D.N. Maluste

Shri T.J. Ramakrishnan,
Ministry of Finance,
Govt. of India,
New Delhi.

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C O P Y

NETAJI RESEARCH BUREAU

NETAJI BHAWAN

38/2, Elgin Road, Calcutta-20

July, 16, 1964

No. NRB-11/397/64

To

The Deputy Controller,
Exchange Control Department,
Reserve Bank of India,
7, Chowringhee Road,
Calcutta-13.

Dear Sir,

Remittance to Japan and West Germany
for collection of research material
relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Please refer to your letter No. CA.EC.TPM. 1501/494-64 dated 21st May 1964 permitting us to remit to Japan Rs. 1,000/- for expenses in connection with collection of research material relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

1. We have remitted Rs. 550/- as a first instalment to our authorised representative in Japan through National and Grindlays Bank (Lloyds Branch) 41, Chowringhee, Calcutta-16.
2. We remitted to West Germany a total sum of Rs. 706.00np. in two instalments on 4.10.61 and 21.2.61 through the above bankers, your reference being CA.EC.RMM 18353 dated 8th November, 1960.
3. With reference to para 2 of your letter No. 3 (120) EC/64 dated 17th April, 1964, I have to state our minimum requirement in foreign exchange per annum will be Rs. 5,000/-. This amount we need immediately towards the expenses of a documentary film on Netaji available in Japan. I have to request that necessary permit may please be issued to us at the earliest so that we may obtain the film for our archives.
4. In this connection I should like to state also that in future a foreign remittance permit issued to us should be valid for U.S.A., Europe and all countries of Asia in addition to Japan as more and more material relating to Netaji Bose are being traced in these countries as well.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Dr. Sisir K. Bose
General Secretary.

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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No. 2(64)/65-PM

3rd April, 1965.

Dear Sir,

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I am desirous to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. NRB-2/179/65 dated the 29th March, 1965, addressed to the Prime Minister, and to say that it is being forwarded to the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, who are concerned with the records relating to the Netaji Enquiry Committee.

2. With regard to your invitation to the Prime Minister to visit the Netaji Museum, I write to say that he has no programme of visiting Calcutta in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(K.L. Gupta)
Addl. Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister.

Dr. Sisir K. Bose,
General Secretary,
Netaji Research Bureau,
Netaji Bhavan,
38/2, Elgin Road,
Calcutta-20.

✓ Copy, together with the letter under reply, forwarded to the Ministry of External Affairs, for such action as is considered appropriate.

(K.L. Gupta)
Addl. Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister.



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NETAJI RESEARCH BUREAU

NETAJI BHAWAN

38/2, ELGIN ROAD, CALCUTTA-20

No.NRB-2/179/65

March 29, 1965.

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri,
Prime Minister,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Sir,

This Bureau has been collecting materials of every description from all over the world regarding Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and trying to build up historical archives on Netaji and the Indian freedom struggle on scientific lines. The Netaji Exhibition which you so kindly visited in New Delhi in December last was presented by this Bureau. We have already published 4 books and a number of others are in preparation.

It has become essential for us, for purposes of record, study and research, to obtain and preserve in our archives evidence and materials recorded and collected by the Netaji Enquiry Committee relating to Netaji's reported death in an air crash in Taipeh (Formosa) in August 1945. The report of the Committee, as published by the Government of India, provides only a short summary and is entirely inadequate for a thorough study of this important question. I therefore request that copies of all evidence recorded by the Netaji Enquiry Committee and reports of cross examination may kindly be supplied to the Bureau by the Government of India. If the Government have any additional information on the matter we shall be happy to have them also.

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Telephone : 47-3745

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NETAJI RESEARCH BUREAU

NETAJI BHAWAN

38/2, ELGIN ROAD, CALCUTTA-20

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I hope you will kindly give this matter the consideration that it deserves and pass necessary orders so that copies of the complete records of the Netaji Enquiry Committee may be supplied to the Bureau within a reasonable period of time.

This gives me an opportunity of renewing our invitation to you to visit the Netaji Museum we have set up here during your next visit to Calcutta.

With kindest regards,

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Sisir K. Bose,
General Secretary

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No.C/557/32/64/JP

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Ministry of External Affairs
(China Division)

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As desired by US(C)II, the following
four files on Netaji Enquiry Committee are sent
herewith to Dir(Historical Division).

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24(20)/FEA/56
24(17)/FEA/56

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2. Our file No.C/551/32/64/JP has already been
sent to that division(~~122~~ on 28.4.65)

(K.T. Balani)(Kumari)
REGISTRAR (CHINA)

DIRECTOR (HISTORICAL DIVISION)

4881-Div CC/165
Registered A/D.



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Telephone : 47-3745

NETAJI RESEARCH BUREAU

NETAJI BHAWAN

38/2, ELGIN ROAD, CALCUTTA-20

No.2/507/65

August 17, 1965.

Mr. Swaran Singh,
Minister of External Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi

Sir,

I beg to submit herewith a copy of a letter that I received from the Prime Minister's Secretariat in response to our request for copies of evidence and reports of cross-examination of the Netaji Enquiry Committee. The Netaji Research Bureau wishes to obtain these copies for the purpose of study and examination. A long time has lapsed since we made the request. I shall be grateful therefore, if you will kindly issue necessary orders for supplying copies of complete papers of the Netaji Enquiry Committee to the Netaji Research Bureau at an early date.

Assuring you of my highest esteem,

Yours faithfully,

Enclo : As above

Sisir K. Bose
Dr. Sisir K. Bose,
General Secretary

Foreign Minister's
Office
Date... 24/8
No... 1222... /F.M.

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

No.2 (64)/65-PM

New Delhi-11, the 3rd April, 1965.

Dear Sir,

I am desirous to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.NRB-2/179/65 dated the 29th March, 1965, addressed to the Prime Minister, and to say that it is being forwarded to the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, who are concerned with the records relating to the Netaji Enquiry Committee.

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Yours faithfully,

Sd/- K. L. Gupta

Addl. Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister.

Dr.Sisir K. Bose,
General Secretary,
Netaji Research Bureau,
Netaji Bhawan,
38/2, Elgin Road,
Calcutta-20.

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No. 62-FM/65.

New Delhi,
September 1, 1965.

To

Dr. Sisir K. Bose,
General Secretary,
Netaji Research Bureau,
Netaji Bhawan, 38/2, Elgin Road,
Calcutta-20.

Dear Sir,

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2/507/65 dated the 17th August, 1965, in which you have asked for copies of complete papers of the Netaji Enquiry Committee for your Bureau.

Your request was carefully considered in this Ministry when it was first received vide your letter No. NRB-2/179/65 dated the 29th March 1965 addressed to the Prime Minister. I regret to say that it has not been found possible to accede to your request. Papers in question relate to the "recent past" - 1955-56 - and according to the Government of India's policy, such recent records are not made available for consultation even for research purposes. You will appreciate that such a restriction is unavoidable where records concerned are of recent origin. With all my admiration for Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the work in which your Bureau is engaged, I regret that I am unable to make an exception to the normal practice with regard to recent records.

Yours faithfully,

d/c

(Swaran Singh)

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Dr Sisir K. Bose,
General Secretary,
Netaji Research Bureau,
Netaji Bhawan,
38/2, Elgin Road,
CALCUTTA-20

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Yours faithfully,

(Swaran Singh)

To issue.

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NETAJI BHAWAN

38/2, ELGIN ROAD, CALCUTTA-20

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No.2/539/65

September 2, 1965.

Shri Dinesh Singh,
Deputy Ministry of External Affairs,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi

Dear Sir,

I beg to submit that I am the Executive Director of Netaji Research Bureau, an academic body engaged in research and studies on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and India's struggle for independence and well-known to the Government of India. I have already edited and published four books for the Bureau and I am in charge of its future publications.

I have planned to visit Tokyo in November next to search, study and collect historical and documentary material relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the Azad Hind Movement. My visit will be particularly in connection with the preparation of a documentary history of the Azad Hind Movement led by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose during World War II, which this Bureau has undertaken to publish. The All-India I.N.A. Committee, of which Prime Minister Shastri is the Chairman, has also authorised this Bureau to undertake this work and has sanctioned Rs.25,000/- for this purpose.

In 1961 Mr. Amiya Nath Bose, visited Germany with the same purpose as an authorised representative of Netaji Research Bureau. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India under instructions of

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NETAJI RESEARCH BUREAU

NETAJI BHAWAN

38/2, ELGIN ROAD, CALCUTTA-20

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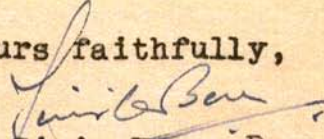
late Prime Minister Nehru recommended to the Government of Federal Republic of Germany to allow him access to the archives of the German Foreign Office relating to Netaji and the Azad Hind Movement. The necessary facilities of inspecting the archives were given to him by the German Government. And, with the active assistance of the Indian Embassy in Bonn, the Netaji Research Bureau obtained microfilms of documents from the German Foreign Office Archives running into nearly 2500 pages.

4. I am now seeking your good offices in obtaining similar facilities from the Japanese Foreign Office. You will no doubt appreciate that recommendation from the Government of India will be essential in order that the Japanese Foreign Office may allow me, firstly, to inspect and study documents in their archives relating to Netaji and the Azad Hind Movement and secondly, to arrange for microfilming them for the archives of Netaji Research Bureau.

5. I request that your Ministry may kindly give this matter the consideration it deserves and issue the necessary recommendation to the Government of Japan in my favour.

I have pleasure in sending you separately a copy of the last issue of the Bulletin of Netaji Research Bureau.

Yours faithfully,


Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose
Executive Director

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No. 2/DM/65

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Ministry of External Affairs,
NEW DELHI.

Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose, Dated the 15th September, 1965
Executive Director,
Netaji Research Bureau,
Netaji Bhawan, 38/2, Elgin Road,
Calcutta-20.

Dear Sir,

I am desirous to acknowledge receipt of
your letter No. 2/539/65 dated the 2nd Sept., 1965
addressed to the Deputy Minister.

~~The matter is being examined and a further~~
~~communication will follow.~~

Yours faithfully,

Pritate Secretary to the
Deputy Minister for External Affairs.

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B.P. AGARWAL
Under Secretary

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No.C/551(32)/64-JP

October 14, 1965

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Dear Shri Dixit,

I enclose copy of letter No.2/539/65, dt. September 9, 1965, received from Netaji Research Bureau, Calcutta. Would you kindly let us have your comments on paras 4 & 5 of this letter?

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

B.P. Agarwal
(B.P. AGARWAL)

Shri J.N. Dixit,
First Secretary,
Embassy of India,
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Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose,
Executive Director,
Netaji Research Bureau,
Netaji Bhawan,
38/2, Elgin Road,
C A L C U T T A - 20.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 2/539/65, dated September 9, 1965, to Shri Dinesh Singh, Deputy Minister of External Affairs. In para 3 of your letter, you have mentioned that in 1961 the Ministry of External Affairs recommended to the Federal Government of Germany to allow Shri AN Bose certain facilities like access to the archives of the German Foreign Office relating to Netaji and the Azad Hind Movement, and with the active assistance of the Indian Embassy in Bonn the Netaji Research Bureau obtained microfilms of documents from the German Foreign Office. It is requested that you may kindly let us have the copies of any letters received by you from the Ministry of External Affairs or the German Foreign Office in this connection in 1961.

Yours faithfully,

B.P. Agarwal
(E.P. AGARWAL)
Under Secretary (C-I)



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NETAJI RESEARCH BUREAU

NETAJI BHAWAN

38/2, ELGIN ROAD, CALCUTTA-20

IMMEDIATE

October 18, 1965

Shri B.P. Agarwal
Under-Secretary (C-I)
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India, New Delhi

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your letter No.C/551(32)64-JP dated the 14th/16th October, 1965, in connection with my letter to Shri Dinesh Singh, Deputy Minister of External Affairs.

As Mr. Amiya Nath Bose is now away on vacation, I am unable to obtain access to letters in his files. I am however enclosing herewith true copies of four letters that I received from the Embassy of India in Bonn in connection with the arrangement for obtaining microfilms of documents regarding Netaji with the assistance of the Ministry of External Affairs. As you will see from the first letter, they are in continuation of Mr. A.N. Bose's work in Bonn. As to the rest, the letters speak for themselves. The letters are: (1) No. SEC 47/61; ~~dated~~ dated 4/9/61; (2) No. SEC 47/61 dated 21/9/61; (3) No. Sec 47/61 dated 1/11/61 and (4) No. Sec 47/61 dated 21/11/61.

I am scheduled to leave for Tokyo on the 5th November next. I therefore request that early action may please be taken in the matter.

Encl: 4

Yours faithfully,
Sisir Kumar Bose
Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose
Executive Director

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No. SEC 47/61

EMBASSY OF INDIA
262, KOBLENZER STRASSE
BONN
TEL. 21931, 21932, 21933

September 4, 1961.

Dear Shri Bose,

Please refer to Shri Amiya Nath Bose's letter of the 21st August, 1961. The Foreign Office had promised us to give facilities for photographing of the archives in August because they have other commitments later in the year. Since the remittance was not received in the month of August, we were not able to take advantage of the offer. We are again contacting them and finding out when it will be possible for them to arrange the photographing. I shall definitely let you know when we know the next possible dates. It is only after the dates have been fixed and the firm agree to undertake the work during those dates that the remittance has to be sent to the firm direct.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(A.K. Damodaran)

Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose,
Secretary, Netaji Research Bureau,
Netaji Bhawan,
38/2 Elgin Road,
Calcutta - 20

BY AIRMAIL

No. SEC 47/61

EMBASSY OF INDIA
262, KOBLENZER STRASSE
BONN
TEL. 21931, 21932, 21933

September 21, 1961.

Dear Dr. Bose,

I am extremely grateful to you for your letter of the 18th September, 1961. The firm is willing to start on the work immediately the money is received. There might be a little further delay for the Foreign Office to arrange for the archives to be released but we will try to reduce this to the minimum.

I suggest, therefore, that you arrange for the remittance of Rs. 500/as part payment for photographing the archives connected with Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the German Foreign Office to Messrs Foto-Belling, Poststrasse 30, Bonn. In your letter to them you can mention the fact that both the Embassy and the German Foreign Office are already in contact with them on the subject. You could also send us a copy of the letter that you write to the firm. We would then immediately take further action on the subject.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose,
General Secretary,
Netaji Research Bureau,
Netaji Bhawan,
38/2, Elgin Road,
Calcutta - 20.

(A.K. Damodaran)

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By Airmail

From: S.P.Chakraborty,
Registrar.

No. Sec/47/61

EMBASSY OF INDIA
262, KOBLENZER STRASSE
BONN' Ist November, 1961
TEL. 21931

Dear Dr. Bose,

Please refer to your letter of 27th September, 1961 regarding photographing of the documents relating to the Netaji. to M/S Fotobelling, Bonn with a copy to Shri A.K.Damodaran, First Secretary, in this Embassy. As Shri Damodaran is on leave now I am writing this letter to you.

We received from the above firm on 25th October, ~~1965~~ 1961 a packet containing the photostat copies of the documents and the same was sent as air-freight to-pay by A I on 31.10.61. A copy of the Air Waybill No. 098-585976 dated 31.10.61 is enclosed. We shall be grateful if you will kindly arrange to collect the packet from the All office in Calcutta. The final bill of the firm will be sent to you on receipt.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(S.P.Chakraborty)

Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose,
General Secretary,
Netaji Research Bureau,
Netaji Bhawan,
38/2, Elgin Road,
Calcutta - 20.

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BY AIR MAIL

Sec 47/61

EMBASSY OF INDIA
262, KOBLENZER STRASSE
BONN
TEL 21931
" 21932
" 21933
21st November, 1961.

From: S.P. Chakraborty
Registrar

Dear Dr. Bose,

Kindly refer to my letter of even number dated the 1st November, 1961, intimating despatch of the photostat copies of the documents relating to the ~~Nax~~ Netaji by Air India International on 31.10.61. I shall be grateful if you will kindly confirm the receipt of the documents.

With regards.

Yours sincerely,

(S.P. Chakraborty)

Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose,
General Secretary,
Netaji Research Bureau,
Netaji Bhawan,
38/2 Elgin Road,
Calcutta- 20.

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Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose,
Executive Director,
Netaji Research Bureau,
Netaji Bhawan,
38/2, Elgin Road,
CALCUTTA-20

6.19)

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your letter dated 18th October, 1965, in which you have stated that you are leaving for Tokyo on 5th November, 1965. Government of India are considering your request and this is bound to take some time. I am, therefore, directed to say that you might like to postpone your visit to Tokyo.

Yours faithfully,

B.P. Agarwal
(B.P. AGARWAL)
Under Secretary (C-I)



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EMBASSY OF INDIA IN JAPAN
TOKYO

J.N. DIXIT
FIRST SECRETARY

No.F.1(56)SS/65

October 22, 1965

My dear Agarwal,

Secret (11)
Please refer to your letter No.C/551(32)/64-JP, dated the 14th October, 1965. We are approaching the Foreign Office in the matter and would let you have our comments on Dr. Bose's letter in due course.

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2. I must add that most of the documents in the Japanese archives would be in Japanese language and I wonder whether Dr. Bose has linguistically competent staff to come with him to study these documents, if they are available with the Japanese Foreign Office.

3. Please consider this an interim reply.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J.N. Dixit
(J.N. Dixit)

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Under Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi



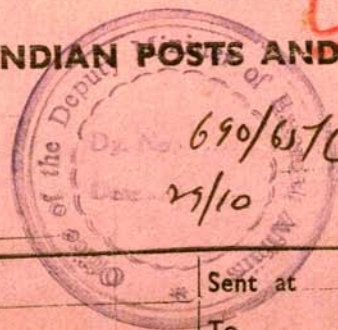
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Dear Dr. Bose,

Will you kindly refer to your telegram of October 28, 1965, addressed to the Deputy Minister. We had written to our Embassy in Tokyo to take up with the Japanese Foreign Office the question of facilities for you to see the documents relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the archives of the Japanese Government. The Embassy has informed us they are approaching the Foreign Office in Tokyo and that they will let us have their comments as early as possible. They have also pointed out that most of the documents in the archives would be in the Japanese language. While we have no objection in principle to your going to Japan to study documents relating to Netaji, it might be desirable for you to plan your trip after we have heard from our Embassy the reaction of the Japanese Government. I hope to write to you again soon about this.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(K.R. Narayanan)

Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose,
Executive Director,
Netaji Research Bureau,
Netaji Bhawan,
38/2, Elgin Road,
Calcutta-20.

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No. C/551(32)/64-JP.

October 30, 1965.

My dear Dixit,

Please refer to your letter No. F.1(56)SS/65 of October 22, 1965. Dr. Bose has been pressing us about his visit to Japan. In fact, he wants to go on November 5th. We have advised him to wait until we have obtained definite reaction from the Japanese Government about their willingness to show him the documents in question. As Dr. Bose is pressing us, I would be grateful if you will kindly let us have the reaction of the Japanese Foreign Office as immediately as possible. We have told Dr. Bose that we have no objection in principle for his going to Tokyo in order to look up the Neta Ji documents.

Yours sincerely,

(K.R. Narayanan)

Shri J.N. Dixit,
First Secretary,
Embassy of India,
TOKYO.

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1 WOODBURN PARK
CALCUTTA 20

October 25, 1965

Dy. No 3260

Dated 27/10 J. S. (S),

Shri Dinesh Singh
Deputy Minister of External Affairs
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, NEW DELHI.

Dear Sir,

Sub: Facilities of studying and collecting
historical material re: Netaji Subhas
Chandra Bose and the Azad Hind
Movement in Japan

Further to my previous communication on the subject, I have sent to your Ministry copies of my correspondence with the Indian Embassy in Bonn in 1961, relating to the work of obtaining material from the Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The correspondence show the assistance that we received from the Ministry of External Affairs in obtaining such material from Germany. I therefore hope you will please issue the necessary recommendation to me as the Executive Director of Netaji Research Bureau to the Japanese Foreign Office for granting me similar facilities.

I beg to submit further that since writing to you I have received offers of full cooperation from the following agencies in my proposed work on Netaji Bose and the Azad Hind Movement:

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- (1) From Mr. Fukuo Noda, Professor of History, Tokyo University, for facilities at the Institute of Oriental Studies of the University and at the Oriental Academy, Tokyo, Japan.
 - (2) From Mr. Gunji Hosono, Director, Japan Institute of Foreign Affairs
 - (3) From Mr. Yoichi Yokobori, Kyodo News Service, Tokyo, Japan.
 - (4) From the Thai-Bharat Cultural Lodge, Bangkok, Thailand.
- (Relevant letters with copies already submitted to Reserve Bank of India) I have to inform you that the Reserve Bank of India have not released the necessary foreign exchange for my proposed trip to Japan.

I earnestly request that you may kindly recommend to the Ministry of Finance to release the necessary foreign exchange to me immediately.

Yours faithfully,
Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose

Sr (16)

No. 2/DM/65/77

October 27, 1965

Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose,
1, Woodburn Park,
Calcutta-20.

Dear Sir,

I am desirous to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 25th October, 1965, regarding the facilities for studying and collecting historical material about Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the Azad Hind Movement in Japan.

Yours faithfully,

(G.N. Mathur)

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NETAJI RESEARCH BUREAU

NETAJI BHAWAN

38/2, ELGIN ROAD, CALCUTTA-20

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EXPRESS

Residence: 1 Woodburn Park
Calcutta 20

October 31, 1965

Shri B.P. Agarwal
Under-Secretary (C-1),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, New Delhi

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your letter No.C/551(32)64-JP
dated the 27th October, 1965.

I should like to inform you that I am
scheduled to visit Tokyo on two missions. Apart
from the object of collecting historical material
relating to Netaji Bose, I am the sole delegate
of the University of Calcutta to the XI International
Congress of Pediatrics which is commencing on
November 7, 1965, in Tokyo. I have two scientific
papers to present at the Congress.

As regards work on Netaji and the Azad Hind
Movement, I should like to inform you that I have
arranged for full facilities with the Tokyo Univer-
sity, The Oriental Academy of Tokyo, the Japan
Institute of Foreign Affairs, etc. Our authorised
local representative there has also arranged inter-
views for me with a large number of persons for
collecting data about Netaji.

You will therefore appreciate that it is not
possible for me to postpone my trip to Tokyo.

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Residence: 1 Woodburn Park

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As regards facilities at the Japanese Foreign Office, I would suggest that instructions may please be left for me with Indian Embassy in Tokyo. And, in case arrangements are not completed within the month of November, We may have to devise some alternative means of inspecting and obtaining relevant documents from the Japanese Foreign Office with the help of the Indian Embassy in Tokyo, at a later date.

Yours faithfully,

Refer to your letter No. C/251(32)64-75

Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose
Executive Director

I should like to inform you that I am scheduled to visit Tokyo on two missions. Apart from the object of collecting historical material relating to Netaji Bose, I am the sole delegate of the University of Calcutta to the XI International Congress of Pediatrics which is commencing on November 7, 1955, in Tokyo. I have two scientific papers to present at the Congress.

As regards work on Netaji and the Azad Hind Movement, I should like to inform you that I have arranged for full facilities with the Tokyo University, The Oriental Academy of Tokyo, the Japan Institute of Foreign Affairs, etc. Our authorised local representative there has also arranged interviews for me with a large number of persons for collecting data about Netaji.

You will therefore appreciate that it is not possible for me to postpone my trip to Tokyo



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NETAJI RESEARCH BUREAU**NETAJI BHAWAN**

38/2, ELGIN ROAD, CALCUTTA-20

Residence: 1 Woodburn Park, Cal 20.

November 1, 1965

EXPRESS

Shri K.R.Narayanan
Director
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi

Dear Shri Narayanan,

I am grateful to you for your letter No.C.
551(32)164J.P. of October 30, 1965.

I am happy to learn that the question of my seeing documents relating to Netaji and the Azad Hind Movement has been taken up by the Indian Embassy in Tokyo with the Japanese Foreign Office. It is quite possible and only natural that many of them will be in Japanese. I shall be able to ~~have~~^{arrange} an interpreter for ~~with~~ me when and if I am permitted to see them. I hope things will be expedited as much as possible.

Now, I should tell you the whole position regarding my trip to Tokyo and why it cannot be postponed. First, I have another mission in Tokyo. I am the sole delegate of the Calcutta University to the XI International Pediatric Congress which is commencing on November 7. I have two scientific papers to present at the Congress. The Congress will keep me occupied for one week. Second, I have been offered full facilities for research work on Netaji and the Azad Hind Movement by the Institute of Asian Studies of Tokyo University, The Japanese Institute of Foreign Affairs, the Oriental Academy, etc. And, our representative in Tokyo has already arranged interviews for me with a large number of persons for recording accounts regarding Netaji and the Azad Hind Movement.

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382, EGIN ROAD, CALCUTTA-20

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I would therefore suggest that instructions may please be left for me at the Indian Embassy in Tokyo if nothing definite emerges during this week. In any case, I shall be otherwise occupied during the first week of my stay in Tokyo.

You will appreciate that fulfilling two objects with one visit saves foreign exchange. I have asked for foreign exchange necessary for three weeks - one week for the Pediatric Congress and two weeks for Netaji research work. As it is, I have great difficulty in obtaining foreign exchange. I would therefore appreciate if the Ministry of External Affairs will please immediately recommend to the Finance Ministry to release foreign exchange to me as required for working according to the above plan.

Please send your letters to me on this subject to my residential address for prompter delivery.

Thanking you for your interest and with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sisir Kumar Bose
Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose

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NARAYANAN from DIXIT.

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K.R. NARAYANAN
DIRECTOR(C)

November 3, 1965.

Dear Dr. Bose,

Kindly refer to your letter of November 1, 1965, regarding your visit to Tokyo. I am glad to inform you that we have received intimation from our Embassy in Tokyo that the Japanese Foreign Office would extend to you all facilities for looking up the archives relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in Japan and the Azad Hind movement in Japan. I have already written to our First Secretary in Tokyo, Shri J.N. Dixit, saying that you would be arriving in Tokyo probably on the 7th of this month. You may kindly contact the Embassy on your arrival.

Yours sincerely,

K.R.
(K.R. Narayanan)

Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose,
Netaji Research Bureau,
1 Woodburn Park,
Calcutta-20
(CAMP DELHI).

*original given personally
to Dr. Bose by Dir. (C).
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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Sir (21)

K.R. NARAYANAN
DIRECTOR (C)

November 3, 1965.

Dear Shri Mirani,

Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose of the Netaji Research Bureau, Calcutta, has requested for permission to visit Japan for a period of two weeks for studying documents in Japanese archives relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and the Azad Hind movement. I am writing this to let you know that this Ministry has no objection, from the political angle, for Dr. Bose's proposed visit to Japan. We would, therefore, recommend that necessary facilities be given to him in connection with this visit.

Yours sincerely,

¹⁵
(K.R. Narayanan)

Shri K.M. Mirani,
Deputy Secretary (EC),
Ministry of Finance,
Deptt. of Economic Affairs,
New-Delhi.

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MOST IMMEDIATE

No. C/551(32)/64-JP

November 3, 1965.

My dear Dixit,

C/551(32)/64-JP

Please refer to my letter No. of October 30, 1965, regarding the visit of Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose to Japan for studying documents relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the Japanese archives. Dr. Bose has since written to me and also met me personally in New Del-hi and explained the position. He has already received offer of facilities for research work on Netaji from the Institute of Asian Studies of Tokyo University, the Japanese Institute of Foreign Affairs, and the Oriental Academy. His representative in Tokyo has already arranged some interviews for him with a number of persons in Japan for recording accounts of Netaji and the Azad Hind movement.

Dr. Bose is leaving India on 5th of this month. Apart from doing research work on Netaji, he has another engagement in Tokyo. He is the delegate of the Calcutta University to the XI International Pediatric Congress which is commencing in Tokyo on November 7. He would be busy with this Congress for one week. Thereafter, he proposes to spend two weeks in Tokyo, for looking up the Netaji documents. As he is, in any case, going to Japan this month he wishes to do his research work on Netaji in continuation of this visit. You will agree that this is a more convenient arrangement as it would save additional foreign exchange which would have been incurred if two separate visits are to be made to Japan. I hope you would pursue the matter with the Japanese Foreign Office and persuade them to give whatever facilities necessary to Dr. Bose for conducting his research. I understand from Dr. Bose that he is in a position to arrange an interpreter for going through the documents.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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(K.R. Narayanan)

Shri J.N. Dixit,
First Secretary,
Embassy of India,
TOKYO.

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NARAYANAN from DIXIT.

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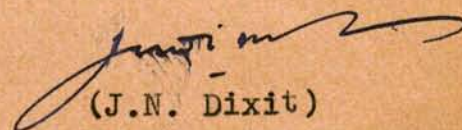
My dear Agarwal,

I am writing this letter in continuation of my letter of even number dated October 22nd, 1965, about Dr. S.K. Bose's desire to come to Japan and study papers connected with Netaji.

2. We approached the Japanese Foreign Office in the matter and the Third Secretary in this mission has recorded a note on this subject on the basis of certain queries which I had asked him to raise with the Foreign Office. I enclose extracts from the noting on your letter along with the summary of T.S's discussions with the Japanese Foreign Office for your kind perusal. You might like to reply to Dr. Bose on the basis of the information given in the enclosure.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


(J.N. Dixit)

Shri B.P. Agarwal,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi

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3. The main points which T.S. I should ascertain are:

i) Whether the Japanese Government would allow Dr. Bose to study the papers connected with Netaji.

ii) Whether such documents are available in English, or summaries in English of original documents are available.

sd/-
(J.N. Dixit)
22.10.65

T.S.I

I called on Mr. Sato of the Gaimusho on 29.10.1965, about this matter. Mr. Sato has informed me today that there would be no difficulty in principle in Dr. Bose's studying the papers connected with Netaji but :

(a) Most of these papers were burnt in a fire in the Foreign Office, though a list of these is available. So that there may not be any papers left for Dr. Bose to study.

(b) Any papers of that period would only be in Japanese and Dr. Bose would have to have his own translations made.

If inspite of (a) Dr. Bose knows of any papers with the official departments in the Gaimusho he would be allowed to study them, but the Historical Division felt that as they did not think any papers were left, it might not be worth his while coming to Japan for this purpose.

sd/-
(Deepak Kumar Lal)
30.10.1965

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EMBASSY OF INDIA IN JAPAN
TOKYO

J.N. DIXIT
FIRST SECRETARY

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November 8, 1965



No. FS-590/65

Dear Shri Narayanan,

Please refer to your letter No.C/551(32)/64-JP, dated the 3rd November, regarding Dr. S.K. Bose's visit to Japan for research concerning Netaji.

You must have received my telegram No.223 of the 2nd November. I had also written a letter to Mr. B.P. Agarwal, Under Secretary (C), conveying the information that Dr. Bose would be given all necessary facilities here. I hope Dr. Bose contacts me when he comes. He has not come and met me so far. I will be sending you a report on his work here if he approaches us.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J.N. Dixit
(J.N. Dixit)

Shri K.R. Narayanan,
Director (C),
M.E.A, New Delhi.

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Extract from weekly letter No. 1(11)SS/65 dated November 16th, 1965 from Embassy of India, Tokyo.

11. Yesterday (11th), Dr. S.K. Bose, a nephew of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, (son of Sarat Chandra Bose), called on me. He has come here to attend the International Congress of Pediatrics, as well as to collect material relating to his uncle on behalf of the Trust which has been set up for this purpose. The Ministry had written to us about it, and we have been in touch with the Gaimusho for obtaining facilities for Dr. Bose to carry out this work.

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NETAJI RESEARCH BUREAU

NETAJI BHAWAN

38/2, ELGIN ROAD, CALCUTTA-20

No.2/189/66

March 18, 1966.

Shri Swaran Singh,
Minister of External Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Foreign Minister's
Office

Date: *24/3*
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Dear Sir,

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You will please permit me to revert to the subject of my letters to you No.NRB-2/179/65 dated the 29th March 1965 and No.2/507/65 dated the 17th August and to your reply thereto No.62-FM/65 dated 1st September 1965. — *2(4)*

"B" 2(3).

The Council of Netaji Research Bureau have given the most serious consideration to the grounds on which you have declined to let us have copies of papers of the Netaji Enquiry Committee. The Bureau is of the opinion that the rules which apply to Political Department files can not and do not apply to papers of the Netaji Enquiry Committee. The Netaji Enquiry Committee was appointed by the late Prime Minister Nehru by announcement in the Parliament with the specific purpose of investigating a matter of the highest national importance, namely the reported death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose as a result of an air crash in Taipei (Formosa) on August 18, 1945. The sittings of the Committee were not held in secret. The purpose of such investigations can only be to reveal secrets, if any, and not to store up collected data in secret files. In fact, the work of the

Ministry of External Affairs.

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Netaji Enquiry Committee was more or less on the same footing as that of the Warren Commission on the assassination of President Kennedy except in regard to the nature of personnel appointed and the manner of alleged death. In our view, a comprehensive report of the findings of the Netaji Enquiry Committee, including all relevant evidence and reports of cross examinations should have been published.

The Government are no doubt aware that regardless of the conclusions of the Netaji Enquiry Committee, all sorts of statements and reports — many of them of an utterly irresponsible character — have been and are being made about Netaji's fate. And, it can not be denied that large sections of the public in India are still honestly doubtful regarding the findings of the Committee. The Government are also aware that even Pandit Nehru expressed the view only a few weeks before his demise that some further steps should be taken to reach a "finality" regarding the matter. Our purpose in asking for copies of complete papers of the Netaji Enquiry Committee was to carry out an objective study of the papers and thus make our contribution to arriving at a final and definite conclusion.

In view of the above considerations, I request that you may kindly reconsider your

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decision and release complete papers of the
Netaji Enquiry Committee to us.

In accordance with the desire of the
Council of the Bureau, I am sending a copy
of this letter to the Prime Minister.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Sisir K. Bose

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Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

Secret

Extracts from page No.28/corr. of File No.
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Extracts from the debate in the Lok Sabha on 12.12.56.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE.

12.10 hours Dissident Report - Netaji Enquiry Committee

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the Dissident Report by Shri Suresh Chandra Bose, member, Netaji Enquiry Committee.

Shri Kamath (Hoshangabad): May I ask about this matter whether in accordance with our practice or custom, Government will also lay on the Table at some future date, not now, today, a copy of the findings or comments on this Dissident Report, whether they accept the findings or they do not.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Government have accepted the findings; there is no question about it, Government have accepted the report on the findings of the majority of this Committee. That is a long finding. I give this information to the Hon. Member here and now.

Shri Kamath: May I ask whether the comments of the Government on this report will be laid on the Table:

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Government do not accept the conclusions of this report.

Shri Sadhan Gupta (Calcutta -South-East): I want to ask whether the Government have any objection to place the evidence before the Committee on the Table of this House - the evidence which was given before the Enquiry Committee.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I have no objection, but it is rather difficult. I would be perfectly prepared to show it to Members, but I think it would be a bad precedent for me to place all the evidence on the Table of the House. If any hon. Members care to see it, they can come to the Ministry of External Affairs' office and see it; I will show it to them.

Shri Kamath: Can it not be published?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: It is not worthwhile publishing it. h

Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

Extracts from page No.2/Notes of file No.24(30)FEA/56.

Prime Minister's Secretariat.

I enclose a letter from Dr. Roy about the Netaji Enquiry Report.

2. Shri Suresh Chandra Bose has apparently not seen the full report presented to us. I do not know what parts he has seen. I think we should let him have the remaining parts or the full report.

3. Please also enquire about the bills he has submitted.

4. I have also received a letter from Shri Suresh Chandra Bose, which I am enclosing. I am not sending him a reply. I am beginning to doubt Suresh Babu's mental equilibrium. If you like, you can write to him.

Sd/- Jawaharlal Nehru,
19.8.1956.

F.S.

Ministry of External Affairs

I am looking to the other matters mentioned by Shri Suresh Chandra Bose but I would suggest that his request for seeing the rest of the report of the other two members of the Committee might be reconsidered.

It is obvious that Shri Suresh Bose has been acting on other people's advice in this matter. As P.M. is aware his nephew Aravindo Bose and a few others are trying to keep up the myth that Netaji Bose is still alive. It is probably under their influence that Shri Suresh Bose not only resiled from the agreement which he had reached with the other members of the Committee about the main outlines of the report but also refused to acknowledge or reply to any communications from them. In these circumstances if the full report is made available to Shri Bose he will utilise it for including in his own minute of dissent, every possible argument against the points made in the majority report. That, I submit, would be hardly fair. If he had displayed any cooperative spirit in this matter, his colleagues would have taken into into confidence. Now that the report has reached Government, to let him see it for the purpose of enabling him to write a minute of dissent will be a somewhat extraordinary concession which he hardly deserves.

P.M. might have a word with Shri Shah Nawaz Khan also

P.M.

Sd/- S. Dutt,
20.8.56

P.T.C.

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I agree. We should not send any papers
to Suresh Babu.

Sd/- Jawaharlal Nehru,
20.8.1956.

F.S.

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D.O.No. 18-FM/66.

New Delhi,
May 19, 1966.

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My dear Dr. Sisir Bose,

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(Saran Singh)

Dr. Sisir K. Bose,
General Secretary,
Netaji Research Bureau,
Netaji Bhawan,
38/2 Elgin Road,
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May , 1966

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Yours (faithfully,)

(Swaran Singh)

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June 8, 1966.

Shri Swaran Singh,
Minister of External Affairs,
Government of India,
NEW DELHI



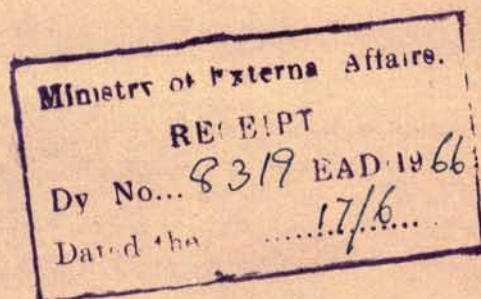
Dear Shri Swaran Singh,

I am thankful to you for your D.O. letter No.18-FM/66 dated May 19, 1966 in connection with our request for copies of papers of the Netaji Enquiry Committee.

I shall place your offer before the Council of the Bureau as early as possible and shall be writing to you on the subject thereafter.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Sisir K. Bose



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Sr(30)CONFIDENTIALU.O. NOTE

Subject: Scrutiny of excerpts submitted
by Shri A.N. Bose.

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The National Archives of India may please refer to their U.O. note No.5-154/63-R.2 dated the 15th December, 1965, on the subject noted above. Of the four batches of excerpts sent by the Archives with the aforesaid U.O. Note the third and fourth batches which consist of 305 and 28 pages respectively have been scrutinised and are returned herewith with the request that these may be released to the scholar after ex-cising therefrom the portions mentioned below:

(a) 3rd Batch:-

Portions placed within round brackets marked with red chalk on page numbers 4, 8, 27 and 239.

(b) 4th Batch:-

Portions placed within round brackets marked with red chalk on page numbers 5, 9, and 12.

2. The receipt of the two batches of ex-cerpts may please be acknowledged. The other two batches of excerpts are still under examination and will be returned in due course.

Sd/-
(US(PI)

National Archives of India(Dr. S.V. Desika Char)
M.H.A. U.O.NO.50/7/63-Poll.II dated 21.3.66.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF INDIA

**Subject: Scrutiny of excerpts submitted by
Shri A.N. Bose.**

Reference Ministry of Home Affairs

U.O.No.50/7/63-Poll.II, dated the 21st March, 1966
on the above subject. Two batches (III and IV)
of excerpts forwarded therewith have been duly
received in this Department and these are being
released to the scholar as per instructions of
the Ministry.

2. The release of the remaining excerpts may
kindly be expedited.

Sd/- S.V. Desika Char
Asstt. Director of Archives,
Government of India.

Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri G.S. Kapoor).
N.A.I.U.O.No.F.5-154/63-R.2., Dated, 25.3.66.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF INDIA.

SUBJECT: Scrutiny of excerpts from the records
of Home (Political) Department submitted
by Shri A.N. Bose.

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Placed below are 41 pages of excerpts
taken from the records of the Home(Political)
Department for the year 1943 and submitted for scrutiny
by Shri A.N. Bose a bona fide research scholar working
on behalf of Neta Ji Research Bureau Calcutta.

2. He has the necessary permission to consult
the records from which these excerpts are taken vide
your U.o.No.F.50/7/63-Poll. dated 7th January 1966.

3. The Ministry may kindly scrutinise the
excerpts and let this Department know at an early
date if there is any objection to these being released
to the scholar.

Sd/- S.V. Desika Char
Asstt. Director of Archives,
Government of India.

Ministry of Home Affairs(Shri G.S. Kapoor, U/S).
N.A. I.U.O.NO.F.5-154/63-R.2 dated 9.June, 1966.

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Access To Netaji Probe Body Records Granted

CALCUTTA, Aug 18.—The Government of India has decided to permit as a special case a member of the Netaji Research Bureau, Calcutta, to study the materials recorded and collected by the Netaji Inquiry Committee relating to the reported death of Netaji in an air crash in Taipei in August, 1945, reports PTL.

Conveying the decision to Dr Sisir K. Bose, general secretary, Netaji Research Bureau, Sardar Swaran Singh, Minister for External Affairs said that necessary orders to make the papers available for inspection would be issued when the bureau representative went to Delhi for the purpose. "I hope this will be sufficient for completing the research in which your bureau is engaged", the Minister said.

Dr Bose had originally written to the late Mr Lal Bahadur Shastri in March, 1965, requesting him to issue orders allowing the bureau access to the complete records of the Netaji Inquiry Committee. Sardar Swaran Singh replying on behalf of Mr Shastri, had then told Dr Bose that the required papers relate to the recent past (1955-56) and the Government's policy was against the examination of such recent records even for research purposes.

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Date 3/10.....
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No.2/528/66

September 20, 1966.

Singh

Mr.Swaran Singh,
Minister of External Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Dear Mr.Swaran Singh,

S.No (28)

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DIR (EA)

I duly received your last letter No.18-FM/66 dated May 19, 1966 permitting a representative of the Bureau to study papers of the Netaji Enquiry Committee in your Ministry. I thank you for the offer.

2. The Council of the Bureau has noted with regret that you did not find it possible to let us have copies of complete papers of the Netaji Enquiry Committee. You will appreciate that one person studying the documents will in any case have a very limited value. The Council has, however, taken it for granted that the person concerned will be allowed to take adequate notes and will be allowed to obtain necessary secretarial assistance during his study. Only if he is so permitted, that he can submit a report to the Bureau. As soon as the Council has chosen its representative for this particular purpose, I shall write to you so that you may pass necessary orders to your Ministry.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sisir K. Bose

Dr.Sisir K. Bose

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K.R. Narayanan,
Director (East Asia).

No: C/551/32/64-JP

November 15, 1966.

Dear Dr. Bose,

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Please refer to your letter No. 2(528)66 dated September 20, 1966, addressed to the Foreign Minister about sending a representative of the Bureau to study papers of the Netaji Enquiry Committee in the Ministry.

2. There will be no difficulty about your representative being permitted to take any notes he wants from the material which he will be examining. We, however, regret that it would not be possible for the Government to provide secretarial assistance in this matter. The material is not too voluminous and we hope that it would not be difficult for your representative to go through it taking down notes according to his wishes and requirements. Kindly inform us when it would be convenient for your representative to come to New Delhi to examine the documents in question.

Yours sincerely,

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(K.R. Narayanan)

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